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WHEN a Vein of *Phrenzy* breaks forth in the *political* World, no matter from what minute or trifling Cause it may proceed, yet it is generally sure to occasion no small Consternation, especially among the gaping Multitude, who on such Occasions always stand with their Mouths wide open, ready to catch every Fly that comes in their Way. Many are the Instances that might be produced to verify this Observation, but the late *Whitehall-Uproar* that
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caused the very *Stones* to rebound again, and spread so far as even to affect the *Mitre* of a certain collegiate Church a long Distance off, is so very recent, fresh, and notorious in the Memory of every one, as fully evinces to what Height Things may ascend from the smallest and most insignificant Beginnings.

To enter on a long Detail of Facts, pretended Facts, Allegations, Suggestions, Conjectures, and Surmises that were started, advanced, and bandied about upon this memorable Occasion, would indeed furnish an ample Narrative, without being any Way tending to the curious Reader's Satisfaction; as in such a Labyrith of antiquated Inconsistencies, he would be certain to enwilder himself so far, as would render it out of my Power to lend a helping Hand to extricate him from the Maze. Therefore to husband the Time, Trouble, and Patience of both of us as much as in my Power, I shall first make a judicious Enquiry into the Causes of this fiery Eruption, that at breaking forth, seemed to threaten inevitable Destruction to be likely to fall upon some particular Heads; and having traced the Seeds of this latent Storm from their deepest *Embrio*, in antiquated Time, to their most evident Maturity, I shall, for the Elucidation of Posterity, and the ample Benefit of future Ages, proceed to such

such a Comment on the whole Affair, as will be of great Service in canvassing all similar Points that may chance hereafter to occur on the like Occasion.

Now it must be known, that some Time in the *Eighteenth Century*, certain busy, prying, invidious People took upon them to discover that there were false Jewels in a certain Diadem, and accordingly raised a great Hubbub about the Matter, by pretending not only to detect and expose the Flaws in the *Stones* themselves, but likewise, by throwing particular Reflections and Odiums on the Jewellers that had placed them there. And in order to prove their Point, or leastways, to bring their Design to bear, they fixed upon a fine brilliant *Topaz*, and a large *black Diamond* of the first Water, which they averred to be highly faulty, and unworthy their Situation among the other Jewels that then adorned the Crown.

This sagacious Scheme had at first its desired Effect, which was to raise no small Disturbance among all the Friends and Well-Wishers to the Crown: Till upon summoning a Jury of the most eminent and reputable *Jewellers* and *Lapidaries* in the Nation, they, after strict Examination, due Consultation, and mature Deliberation, gave it unanimously as their Opinion, that the *Stones* complained

of were of the right brilliant Kind, of the truest Water, and that those who had pretended to inspect and find Fault with their Beauty, knew nothing about the Matter.

The utmost Assertion that could be brought against them, at the Time of Inquisition, was a certain deep Flaw, pretended to have been discovered almost half an hundred Years before, when they were under the Hands of a skilful *Polisher*, in order to have their pristine Roughness taken off. But after the strictest Scrutiny that could be made, there was not the least Appearance of any Deficiency; and nothing to support an Allegation on this Head, except a certain romantic Story of the Polisher's having suffered these Jewels, for an Experiment, to remain steeped too long with some others of an inferior Nature in a certain *rubicund* Liquid, that has often the Effect of destroying the Lustre of the brightest *Gems*. But had even this Objection been well founded, yet it was apparent to all the Inspectors, that, as the Stones had since been new polished, and well set, there remained not the least Flaw in their Beauty, they appearing so brilliant to publick View, as to vie with others of a much larger Magnitude. Matters having been brought to this Issue, all further Proceedings were dropt, and the *Stones* suffered to keep their Stations, where their Lustre became the more apparent, by peculiarly

peculiarly attracting the Eyes of the Beholders after this Juncture, to the no small Mortification of those pretended Connoisseurs that had essayed at discovering such great Faults in them.

This momentous Affair having challenged the Attention of the *great* Vulgar and *small*, the pretended *Virtuosi* incurred a great deal of Contempt from all Hands. And as it is natural for the *Mobile* to despise affected Talents of *Penetration* and *Judgment*, so they did not spare these Gentlemen on this Occasion, who whenever they appeared abroad, either in curricular or ambulatory Vehicles, were continually saluted with: *Hip, Jack, who made you a Lapidary? Hollab! Dick, how long have you turned Jeweller? Ab! Billy, who made you an Examiner, without cropping your Ears?* And many other biting Sarcasms, that stung them to the Quick.

But as the Gentlemen Connoisseurs that had undertaken the invidious Office of finding Fault without Occasion, meerly as it was judged to shew their own Dexterity at cavilling, or else to exhibit a Sagacity superior to other *Virtuosi*, had before this officious Undertaking, been accounted Men of some Skill in the liberal Arts of diabolical Wisdom, falsely called Policy, so this Disaster hat beset them,

them, set the scrutinizing Sages at *White's* and the *Cocoa-Tree* to work, to enquire into the natural Causes of the Error they had plunged themselves into : Being hardly able to produce a *Mouſe* from ſuch a promiſing ſtupendous Mountain as they had raiſed in almoſt every one's Expectation, eſpecially thoſe of their own Party, who being highly prejudiced in theſe Undertakers Favour, affirmed whatever they thought proper to advance, with all the Dogmaticalneſs of the moſt *Stoic* Philoſopher.

Many were the deep Conferences held upon this extraordinary Incident ; and even the Fire-Side Club of the *Smyrna* were called in to afford the Aſſiſtance to their ſuperior Brethren of *White's* and the *Cocoa-Tree*, in order to unravel this knotty Point ; when, after many ſhrewd *Hums* and *Habs*, ſhort Speeches and dry Debates, they were not able to agree upon a Concluſion, and conſequently, at their breaking up, found themſelves as far from any Determination, as when they firſt ſat down to conſider of the Matter.

Now it is purely from the laudable Motive of aſſiſting the *Short-ſighted* and aiding *ſhallow Capacities*, that I have undertaken to unravel this intricate Affair ; and ſhall proceed to explicate the natural Causes and
Inducements

Inducements that instigate Mankind oftentimes to take a Leap out of their Depth, even when they are conscious of being but very inexpert Swimmers. As Things of this Nature require a great deal of reading, to produce solid Arguments for the Proof of them; and as the Arguments that I shall exhibit, may possibly require much Illustration from particular Passages and Events, so I hope the candid Reader will refrain from taxing me with *Pedantry*, in the Quotations I shall be obliged to make use of, and to excuse any accidental Digression that in the Course of this Work I may chance to deviate into; for it is with *Authors* as with Travellers, when the Way is tolerably good, and they have Time enough upon their Hands, and Money sufficient for their Expences, they are heedless of the Condition of their Associates on the Road, and turn into every Outlet or Bye-Way, either for the Pleasure of tracing some flowery Path, or taking a Prospect of some delightful Scene of Art or Nature; and sometimes, perhaps when the direct Road is very foul and dirty, meerly with a View of cutting their Journey shorter, rectifying their Course by that remarkable old Proverb, which declares, that, *The furthest Way about, is the nearest Way Home*. Notwithstanding a late noble Orator *, and obsequious Imi-

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mitator of *Cicero*, after many Years conning of this Adage, declared, he could never find out either the literal or figurative Meaning of it, but judging there to be an *Erratum* in the MS. would have altered the Word *furtherest* to *fairest*. But leaving this important Piece of *Criticism* to be canvassed by the numerous Company that march under the Banner of the *braying Ass*, I shall proceed to discuss those weighty Points that I proposed undertaking at my first setting out.

Elaborare have been the Attempts of many eminent Philosophers, both antient and modern, by endeavouring to account for the several Species of *Madness*, *Lunacy*, or *Phrenzy*, whether *Political*, *Philosophical*, *Enthusiastical*, *Mathematical*, *Metaphysical*, *Oeconumical*, *Medical*, *Topical*, *Whimsical* or *Galenical*, &c. But none have come nearer pricking this Matter with the Point of a Needle *, (as the *Latins* expressed themselves) than the late celebrated facetious, witty, accute and penetrating Author of the *Tale of a Tub*. Who has proved by evident Demonstration, deduced from the *Æolian* System, that all Disorders of the Intellects take their Origin from Wind; which
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* *Rem acu tetigisti*. A Phrase used by *Plautus*, to signify, what we mean, when we say, coming within an *Hair's Breadth of a Thing*: For no Limit can be narrower than the latter, nor a nicer Point than that of a well polished Needle.

being generated in the Body, either by crude Viands, frothy Liquors, or otherways, endeavours to find a Passage downwards but that being denied by some inward Obstruction, it directly ascends, according to its natural Course, to the upper Regions, and inflates the Brain ; unless, sometimes, that it happens to make its Way through the denticular Orifice, by Means of Eructation.

But before I proceed to illustrate, comment on, and apply this learned Sage's Theory, I must beg Leave to make one trite Observation, as it will be very conducive to my Reader's entertaining a good Opinion of the Veracity of the foregoing System, and may also serve by the by, as a curious *Anecdote* for Posterity ; when they shall be induced to pry into these *dark, inexplicate*, and what will then be called *antient* Times. And this is, that the sagacious Philosopher aforesaid, who was a Man of a very clear Head, after having gone through a Course of the various Systems of Philosophy, extant in his Time, at last pitched upon the *Æolian* as the most congruent to Reason, Experience and common Sense. By a long Study thereof he became in Time a perfect *Æolist* ; paying ever after, like the Inhabitants of *Megalopolis*, a very great Reverence to the *North-Wind* ; and out of Respect thereto, was highly attached to the Interest of whatever the *Caledonian* Regions produced.

produced. In this worthy Person, surprizing were the Effects of the Wind, that he imbibed during his Studies ; for it enabled him to pen the most extraordinary Pieces ; such as *Meditations upon Broomsticks*, *Memoirs of the Clerk of the Parish*, *Poems on broken Mugs*, *Country Journals*, &c. &c. *ad infinitum* ; besides assisting him to make such strange and important Discoveries in his Travels ; such as Nations of *Giants* and *Pigmies* *, *Flying Islands*, and Territories inhabited by *Horses*, that for good Polity and Manners vied with the most civilized People in *Europe*. And indeed among all our numerous modern *Voyagers*, I know of but *one*, whom perhaps I may have Occasion to mention hereafter, that has ever attempted, or had the Fortune to meet with any Thing like those surprizing Regions that occurred to this Philosopher : All which manifestly shews, that the System which he studied and improved, was so veritable and efficacious, that he could not keep himself from being whirled into its *Vortex*.

What I have already said, is, I believe, sufficient to establish the *Æolian* Philosophy upon a firm Basis in the Opinion of my Readers of a moderate Capacity. But lest the
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* A certain noble Personage, immediately hinted at, has lately discovered a floating Island, near *Terra Australis incognita*, which the best Observations have not as yet been able to overtake in its Progress, and seems to exceed Capt. *Guliver* that traversed the Air.

ingenious Society of *Crane-Court*, the arch Waggs of the *Inns of Courts*, or the sublimer Wits and Criticks at the *St. James's End* of Town, should raise any Scruples or Objections against the same, I must beg Leave to make Use of a few Words of my Author, towards setting them right. *From this Principle*, says he *, *proceeds the Establishment of new Empires by Conquest ; the Advance and Progress of new Schemes in Philosophy ; and the contriving, as well as the propagating of new Religions : To which permit me to add, from thence also arises new Systems of Policy ; new Projects for raising Money ; new Ways and Contrivances for the Ease, Benefit and Emolument of the Public ; so highly advantageous, that their Effects are not likely to appear in some Centuries. Besides an infinite Number of other new and useful sublunary Productions, such as new Forms of Oeconomy, and House-keeping, new Modes of Luxury, and new Taste in Eating, Drinking, Musick, Dress, Poetry, Sculpture, Architecture, Painting, &c. From whence proceed new Amusements and Diversions, new Manufactures, new Occupations, and new Undertakings : Such as finding the Longitude, the perpetual Motion, the Philosopher's Stone, and universal Panacea ; constructing of horizontal Wind-Mills, Sailing-Waggons, making Coaches to travel without Horses ; Ships to sail against*

* *Vide the original History.*

the Wind, and Cannons to fortify them, that shall discharge oftener in a Minute that it is possible to load them. Not to mention innumerable other new *Flights, Maggots, Whims, Conceptions, Imagination, Projects* and *Inventions*, which our *dull, unthinking* and *short-witted*, though *long-lived* Predecessors, the Antients, never so much as dreamed of; notwithstanding the Advantage they enjoyed of refreshing their Genius, by the Interchange of Sleeping and Waking, for half a Century longer than what these latter Times will admit of.

Wind thus pent up in the Body, and ascending into the Brain, is the allowed Cause of all Degrees of *Madness, Lunacy* or *Phrenzy*; and moreover, of what in Men is called the *Spleen*, and in the Ladies, the *Vapours*; as the learned and ingenious Dr. Sydenham, has also fully proved in his elaborate Discourses on those Subjects; which very much corroborate the System of our foregoing eminent Philosopher. Now as Wind is generally more predominant and powerful in the *Brumal* than in the *Æstival* Part of the Year, so it has been observed, that greater Storms arise in the *polite*, the *political*, the *learned*, and the *busy* World, about the Time of the Winter *Solstice*, than at any other Season; and it is then commonly that we also hear of the greatest Damage done by
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that turbulent Element both by Sea and Land : There being a surprizing Agreement in the Effects of the outward and inward Wind, with regard to their Strength, Height, Force and Devastation, at the same Time ; or nearly within a Week or two of each other. So that when upon perusing the *News-Papers*, I have found the natural circumambient Air has raised itself up into a Storm, and made terrible Havock upon our Coasts, I directly begin to expect some great Hurricane in the human World. If the natural Storm happens to arise in the *East*, I then speedily look for some violent Fewds and Commotions amongst our *mercantile* and *monied* Men in the City. But if the Hurricane comes from the *South* or *West*, I direct my Attention towards *Westminster-Hall*, and *St. James's* ; and generally before it is long, nay often much sooner than I expect, I hear of violent Party-Scuffles, Wranglings and Debates from those Parts. If the Storm in the upper Regions take its Course from the *North* or *North-West* Quarter, I then expect to hear of sundry Commotions among the fine Ladies, and Dapper-Sparks of *Grosvenor*, *Cavendish*, *Hanover*, *Bloomsbury*, *Queen* and *Red-Lion Squares**, or the Parts thereabouts ; whether occasioned from Scandal arising at some particular Tea-Table, or sharpening Tricks at some eminent Gaming-

* Sometimes this Blast extends to *Chelsea*, *Kew*, *Richmond*, &c.

Gaming-Table. The *North-East* Quarter, indeed, though generally attended with sharp blighting Winds, seldom forebodes much more in our lower Regions, than a Battle at Fifty-Cuffs between the *London* Bruisers, and the Butchers at *Islington*; a Battle between the Dogs of the latter at *Holloway*, or perhaps, a *Bull* or *Bear-baiting* at the old Garden at *Hockley-the-Hole*.

By a constant Observance of these Matters, I have for some Years past been able to prognosticate many extraordinary Events some time before they have happened; to the no small Astonishment of my Auditors in the several *Coffee-Houses* of this large *Metropolis*. And if my worthy Brethren the *Almanack-Makers*, would from their Skill in *Stargazing*, only favour us with a true Prediction of the elementary Weather, I should not in the least doubt of foretelling the various Changes consequent thereupon, in the Minds, Opinions, and Transactions of Mankind.

I flatter myself from what has been already advanced, that the *Æolian* Theory, of Wind being the Cause of all Disorders in the Intellects, will readily be admitted by all Classes of Readers, not excepting even the learned Faculty: And had I the least Doubt of the contrary, I could produce numerous Quotations

tions from the ingenious Dr. *Cheyne*, Dr. *Woodward*, Dr. *Willis*, Dr. *James*, Dr. *Smallet*, Dr. *Maningham*, and Abundance of other eminent Men in Proof thereof. But as this would take up too much of my Readers Time, and a great deal more of my own than I have at present to spare, I shall refrain it.

The Cause of these flatulent Disorders being thus exhibited, it will be proper to say somewhat of their Prevention and Cure. To the former nothing can more contribute than *Carminatives*; for the latter, *Opiates*, *Phlebotomy*, and if the Disease arise to a great Height, *Whips*, *Chains*, *dark Chambers* and *clean Straw*. All frothy, windy, flatulent Liquors, such as *Champaign*, *Cyder* and *bottled Beers* should be carefully avoided; as well as crude Viands and ripe Fruits. Besides which great Care must be taken of entering into any raw Discourses, upon any Topics in *Politicks*, *Divinity*, *Physic*, *Law*, &c. or imbibing of crude Notions in any of them. For it has been observed that young Members of P——t, young Students of the Universities and Inns of Court, and young Frequenters of Coffee-Houses, by too voraciously taking in some raw Discourses, have been so blown up thereby, for Want of proper Digestion, that on a sudden, they imagined themselves to be able *Statesmen*, great *Philosophers*, Lawyers, Divines, and exquisite

exquisite Politicians ; till by a proper Alteration of Regimen and Diet, they discovered themselves to have only been efflated with Wind and Vapour.

What Man in the World, but himself, would take the D——ke of * * *, for a Statesman ? Who though possessed of many other truly estimable Qualifications, has suffered himself to be so puffed up with the Breath of Flatterers, that he takes every Opportunity of declaiming in Publick upon Topics that all his Auditors are certain his *Grace* has a very indifferent Idea of : And thereby he risques losing the good Opinion of Mankind, by obstinately displaying his Talent in one Point, when there are twenty others wherein he might challenge the Approbation of the whole World, was he to exert himself with the same Assiduity as in that mistaken one, which he has chosen to gain Applause.

Surely Nobody ever conceived little Lord V—— to be either a Politician or a Soldier ; yet his *Pericranium* was so inflated with Wind, at the Time of the last Rebellion, that he could not rest till he had obtained a private Audience, to communicate an important Scheme of his own projecting, for subduing the *Rebels*, invading of *France*, conquering *Spain*, and Nobody knows what besides !

Had it not been for the Effects of Wind and Vapour, would my worthy Friend Lord *W——— B———* have ever exerted his Talents in *English* and *Latin* Poetry? But, not content with his own Self-Estimation, and Applause of his Flatterers in private, as a *Bard*, he must venture to procure that of the Town, by setting forth his Works in Print; doubtless to the no small Satisfaction of his *Lordship*, Emolument of his *Bookseller*, and Delight of the gay and *literary* World.

What occasions little Squire *Dapperwit* to prattle so prettily in the House, upon every Subject that falls under Debates, or enables the *Stentorian* Baronet Sir *John Tunbelly*, to make such loud Orations there, and to domineer so arbitrarily over his Brother-Justices at a Quarter-Sessions in the Country? but a small Quantity of *Wind*, that puffs up the Intellects of the one, and a large Accumulation of the same Element, that swells every Part of the huge Body of the other, which can find no Vent, but only upwards by *Eruetation*, or Locution.

On the contrary, how coolly are Matters argued, how exquisitely is Business dispatched, and how much to the Purpose is every Word uttered, by the grave *D——* of *A———*, the wise Earl of *H———x*, and the intelligent
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Lord *D———n*. Not to mention *L——d S———*, Squire *P———m*, Sir *G———L———n*, and Mr. * * * ; whose Heads being free from *Wind* and *Vapour*, enables each of them to shine in their own Sphere, without venturing to betray their Capacities, by any erratic Motions into a different Orb of Genius.

Numerous are the Instances in the Female Sex of what I have asserted ; but one shall suffice at present, as it must be evident to the Eyes of every judicious Observer, with what a Redundancy of *Wind*, *Spleen* and *Vapour*, the corpulent Duchess of *Bumble* is filled, which makes her Pevish in her Family, splenetic in the gayest Company, and quite ill-natured to every one beneath her. In a Word, she is never in a tranquil Mood, either at Home or Abroad ; either in rural Solitude, or in the Midst of her favourite Diversions. All which is entirely owing to the Want of a proper Evacuation, and Discharge of those Fumes, that she daily imbibes, and which requires something extraordinary to help to dispel. When, on the other Hand, the polite and affable Lady *Fizzle*, by a proper Regimen and due Use of *Carminatives*, is entirely free from any of those inward Oppressions ; and thereby appears with the greatest Elegancy and Ease in all Companies, and in every Situation in Life.

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Nothing can be more productive of ill Consequences than the *Spleen* in a malignant Mind: When that Vapour gets the Ascendancy, it aims at the Destruction of Ministries, Revolution of Kingdoms, and turning the World topsy-turvy. It is this that makes every little Fellow assume the Airs of a Politician, and delight in fishing in troubled Waters. Can he but compass his Ends so far as to raise a Hubbub, can he but lead the Way to a Debate, he sits down satiated with the grand Productions of his own Genius. No Man at an Evening Entertainment swells bigger than himself; neither is any one more applauded by his Partizans in Mischief.

But however felicitous such Persons may be, upon the Anxiety that they can confer on others, they should always have Regard to those inimitable Lines of *Shakespeare*, which say,

— *He that filches from me my good Name,
Robs me of that, which not enriches him,
And makes me Poor indeed.*

Now as there is nothing more productive of Slander than *Spleen* and *Envy*, so it is from thence that we are to take its general Derivation. However, the best Method to obviate all Difficulties arising from this Head, is to

pass them off with Indifference. The Chronicles of the Days of good Queen *Bess*, tell us, that she had a certain Great *Wise* Man and eminent Politician about her, stiled Lord *Salisbury*; and at the same Time happened to live in her Majesty's Court, a renowned Jester, called *Stone*. Now *Stone* being upon his perk Moods, chanced to call a dangling *Court-Lord* by the Name of *Fool*; my Lord complains to the Master of the Household, and has *Stone* instantly whipt. Ah! cries *Stone*, I might have called my good Lord *Salisbury*, *Fool* often enough, before he would have had me lashed.

F I N I S.